

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors
The Association of Applied Paleontological Sciences
February 6, 2020 – Tucson, Arizona

The meeting was called to order by President John Issa at 7:38 AM in a meeting room of the Hotel Tucson City Center.

Board Members Present included:

1. Sandy Ludlum – Secretary
2. George Winters – Administrative Director
3. Craig Kissick – Board Member
4. David Kronen – Board Member
5. John Issa – President
6. Ed Rigel – Vice President
7. Rick Hebden – Board Member
8. Neal Larson – Past President
9. Brook Ricard – Board Member
10. Tony Lindgren – Board Member
11. Tom Caggiano – Board Member
12. George Ast – Board Member

Others Present

1. Chris Holmes - Guest

President Issa opened the meeting by commenting that it looks like Alberta may loosen its restrictions on collecting of vertebrate fossils in the Province.

The minutes of the last combined Board and General Membership meeting (Denver 2019) were read by Secretary Sandy Ludlum and approved.

The Treasurers P & L Statement was read by Administrative Director George Winters in the absence of Treasurer Katharine Taylor who was home caring for her newborn daughter. The P&L statement can be accessed on our website.

Administrative Director's Reports – George Winters

George presented an extensive director's report which is included below. We are continuing to operate as an organized organization with transparency thanks to the continued work of George and the Officers.

Administrative Director's Report

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Publication Committee:

Paul and I completed the 2020 AAPS guide very late this year because of the delay of dealers to return their completed forms and ad copy. Once again, we included an article on the AAPS advocate who this year was Anthony Lindgren. The articles are also posted on the AAPS website. If we don't run out of Guides, we will place them at the Tucson Convention Center during the AGTA and Tucson Gem and Mineral Society shows. We lost several full-page ads this year and hope to replace them next year if the guide is to continue. Happily, I can report that the Guides were delivered to the Tucson International Airport by Friday January 24th and are available at the Welcome To Tucson tables and booths. This is due in no small part to the cooperation of Arizona Lithographers and their representative Michelle.

AAPS Records:

Since Jane Murray was elected as treasurer, all correspondence, bank statements, deposits, invoices, receipts, credit card payment records, PayPal transaction records, membership applications and membership records are stored in a Dropbox file accessible by the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Original copies of all bank records are filed monthly and reviewed by our Treasurer, before reconciling the check register. Hard copies of all AAPS bank, tax and historical records are stored in a temperature-controlled storage unit paid for by StoneJungle, LLC in Nibley Utah

All membership applications continue to be sent to the board members to be reviewed, before membership is approved and the membership packets are mailed. The packets include a welcome letter, Photo Scales, a membership pin (while supplies last) and a membership card.

2020 Elections:

Nominations were opened for the following officers and board members that are up for re-election. Any member of AAPS in Good Standing can accept a nomination or nominate themselves if they would like to run for an office. Notice of the upcoming election was sent out in our last two newsletters. If a member has accepted a nomination, it is noted and they are on the Ballot;

John Issa, President, would like to retire

Craig Kissick, nominated for president, accepted nomination

Tom Caggiano, nominated for president, declined nomination

Katharine Taylor (Treasurer), is stepping down to take care of her new daughter.

Rick Rolater nominated for Treasurer, accepted nomination

The Following were nominated for Board Positions

George Ast, nominated, accepted nomination
Tom Caggiano, nominated, accepted nomination
Brook Ricard, nominated, accepted nomination
Neal Larson nominated, accepted nomination
Robert Bowman nominated, accepted nomination
George Frandsen nominated, accepted nomination
Kirby Siber, nominated but did not reply

Meal Tickets

Brook Ricard had the meal tickets printed again this year, and each of the volunteers will receive a supply of tickets and a sheet to record the name and contact information of those buying tickets. They were also given a bank bag and \$200.00 change to get them started. All dinner orders need to be communicated to me by Wednesday February 4th when I need to place the order with the caterer. I will collect all of the volunteer sheets by the 4th and will have several board members verify the count before it is placed. Do we want to order 5 extra meals to be on the safe side?

Cash Bar

We have contracted with Pinnacle Concessions to run our Cash Bar again this year. Running the Cash bar saves the association nearly \$800.00 during the meeting.

New AAPS Banners

Cost has come down on display banners and after discussing the idea with our president, it was decided to purchase 4 new banners, to be displayed at the Mineral Fossil Co-op with Neal, at the Mineral Fossil Market Place with Brook, One at the 22nd Street Show, Perhaps Tom will display one near his booth at the Convention Center. Those displaying the banners should hold onto them to display at other shows.

Annual Meeting

Dues Cards and Ballots will be available at the registration table during the meeting. Brook Ricard agreed to manage the registration tables during the dinner/auction and will explain what she needs during the event. I will man the auction registration table inside the door and collect dues inside if offered. I will also help to collect payments this year to speed up the check out, we need to be out of the hall by 10:30 p.m. and clear the loading dock before 11 pm.

Meeting Location

I continue to search for a new meeting location and have help from several Tucson Residents and companies. To date I have not found a suitable facility that is centrally located and will allow catering and a cash bar. If anyone has suggestions please share them, I have to reserve the Student Union for next year if we don't want the same problem, we had this year, before to change the date.

Once again, the University of Arizona changed their policy, and are requiring us to pay for our dinners in advance, and to have a meal count in a week in advance. This is impossible for us, as many of our members fly in on the Wednesday days before the meeting. Additionally, they were going to charge us 70 cents for each linen napkin placed at the settings, which would have cost AAPS an additional \$105.00. I told them to use paper napkins this year.

I did book the ballroom for the 2021 show on Saturday February 6th, the date is confirmed but we can back out if we find a better location.

Laura Delano suggested we contact the El Conquistador Hotel to learn about having the meeting/dinner there. I called, but they have not responded to my inquiry

Auction Donations – Donations are down this year. We need more help at the shows to collect donations.

2020 Show and the Hotel Tucson City Center

As you may be aware, The Arizona Mineral and Fossil Show lost their contract with the HTCC. The show is moving to the El Conquistador Hotel about 30 minutes north east of the city. The AAPS Board needs to decide if AAPS wants to continue hosting a booth, and if so, where do we want it set up. Cost is certainly an issue, but convenience for our members is a primary concern. We must make it easy for them to pay dues, purchase meals and register for our guest speaker.

Web Sites – Both the AAPS and Journal websites are updated weekly as needed. I continue to research state legislative sites for additional information that will affect our members. Information is shared in the newsletters and on our AAPS Facebook page.

Old Business

Scholarships and Grants

Neal reported on the scholarship and grant applications.

- We had seven qualified applicants for the James Welch Scholarship from Poland to Australia to the US and five for the Charles Sternberg Scholarship also from worldwide universities for a total of 12 scholarship applications.
- Neal will be visiting with Fran Graffham in April to see if she still wants to fund the A Allen Graffham Grant
- We had no applications this year for any of our Grants

It was suggested that we include in our guidebook either alongside or with the grant and scholarship information some information about some of the past winners, especially those from the recent past.

New Business

- George noted that the laptop used by the treasurer had lived out it's useful life and needed to be upgraded. Dave Kronen, of Bone Clones, offered to donate a suitable laptop to AAPS. Thank you, Dave.
- George noted that because our banquet and auction was scheduled for a weekday this year, the parking in the parking facility would not be free.
- A collection was taken up and a card signed for Katharine Taylor and her new daughter.
- Korite donated \$280 to AAPS. Thank you, John Issa.

Neal Larson moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was passed by acclamation.

President Issa adjourned the meeting at 8:37 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Nathaniel 'Sandy' Ludlum, Secretary